

# BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements, August 7, 2014

## Events

### **Brown Bag: Definition of Electrically Heated Homes -**

Join us on Thurs., Aug. 7 for a presentation that will discuss the new definition of electrical heat, which will go into effect October 1st, 2014. The definition is used to qualify homes for residential energy efficiency programs. The new definition expands on the existing one to include homes that are likely to be electrically heated in the future and certain homes that are heated by a non-permanent electric heat source. The brownbag will cover each of the new qualifying scenarios in detail and discuss the reasoning that led to this decision... [More](#)

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### **Brown Bag: E Source Webinar on Big Data and the Utility Industry -**

As part of our membership to E Source BPA is providing an informative webinar to our customers hosted by that organization. The era of Big Data has arrived and some utilities are stepping up to embrace it. The intersection of inexpensive computing power and robust data-analysis techniques is encouraging the development of new tools that will help utilities improve the cost-effectiveness of their programs. Learn how some utilities are creating portfolio-scale building energy modeling tools to better focus their incentive program marketing efforts and automating utility energy design assistance programs in response to decreasing margins... [More](#)

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### **BPA is providing complimentary passes to the E Source Forum -**

E Source will be hosting its annual E Source Forum on September 29 - October 2, 2014 in Denver Colorado. The Forum brings together more than 400 representatives from utilities and other energy service providers as well as government representatives and others involved in improving and redefining how energy is delivered, purchased, and used. More information can be found [here](#).

As part of our current E Source membership BPA's customers will be able to register online for the Forum via the [E Source Forum link](#). In order to register you will need an active E Source User ID and password to register. If you don't have, or have forgotten your user name and password, please contact your EER for assistance. If you have questions or have problems registering for the Forum you can also contact Jessica Rife at E Source at [jessica\\_rife@esource.com](mailto:jessica_rife@esource.com) or at 303-345-9197.

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### **Residential Weatherization Sub-regional Meetings -**

The Residential team is holding a series of half-day meetings around the region to discuss changes to BPA's Weatherization program offerings. Topics will include the updated weatherization specifications, new measures and program strategies, and materials and resources that are available to support utility weatherization programs...

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## **Product Updates**

### **AirGenerate HPWH Removed from Northern Climate Qualified Products List -**

Smart Water Heat recently announced that inspections have identified a high rate of performance issues with AirGenerate heat pump water heater products; refrigerant leaks are resulting in a rapid degradation of energy efficiency performance. As a result, the AirGenerate units no longer meet requirements of the Northern Climate Specification (either tier 1 or 2) and have been removed from the Qualified Products List. Electrolux HPWH units were also removed from the list because they are manufactured by AirGenerate.

While the products no longer meet the Implementation Manual requirement of being listed as a "Qualified Product", BPA will continue to provide utility payments for products that run through utility programs through March 31, 2015. Though we recognize that it takes time to change your program materials, BPA strongly recommends that these products be removed from your programs immediately. NEEA will work with AirGenerate to support rebate fulfillment on scheduled installations or those recently completed. For more information, please refer to the NEEA announcement or contact your EER.

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### **PTCS Quality Assurance to be Delivered by CLEAResult -**

BPA has executed a contract with CLEAResult of Portland for inspections of heat pumps and duct sealing work done through the Performance Tested Comfort Systems® program. Projects entered into the online registry for BPA utilities will be considered for inspections, except for those utilities already conducting QA under an agreement with BPA. Work will initially be focused on inspecting previously underserved utilities, the work of highly active technicians, and the work of technicians who have never been inspected.

In compliance with federal privacy regulations the online registry no longer contains information needed for scheduling these inspections, such as the homeowners name and phone number, so CLEAResult will be contacting each utility to collect the PTCS forms that contain that information in advance of inspecting in their territory. The forms requested may be as old as three months; to ensure timely inspections we would ask that customers respond to these requests as soon as you are able. You may want to consider preparing your PTCS documentation in advance of these requests.

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### SIS Measure Update -

During the June 17, 2014 RTF meeting, the RTF made the following motion concerning the status of the current SIS Measure... [More](#)

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GE GeoSpring 50-gallon HPWH Kicks Off Promotion with Sears, Lowe's, Ferguson and Independents -  
The GE GeoSpring 50-gallon HPWH promotion has begun!... [More](#)

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## Reminders

### Introducing new Measure List 2.7.2 -

The Deemed Measure Reference List has been updated. After discovering some inconsistencies and omissions within the version released in May 2014, we have corrected the following measures. [Please use this version moving forward.](#)

### Low Income Manufactured Home Insulated Door Measures

These were inadvertently omitted from the Measure List.

LHVEN12039

LHVEN12040

LHVEN12041

### Commercial Heat Pump Water Heater Measures

The vintage field was changed from 'Existing' to 'New or Existing.'

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